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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 8510

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, OAU, SP, KE  
SUBJ: SPANISH REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT ON CANARIES ISSUE

REF: STATE 141893

1. I TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING TODAY ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH FONMIN PERMANENT SECRETARY, NICHOLAS NG'ANG'A, TO MENTION THAT USG HOPED KENYA WOULD OPPOSE RAISING CANARIES ISSUE AT KHARTOUM SUMMIT (AS INSTRUCTED IN STATE 122855).
2. NG'ANG'A SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT UNDERSTOOD THAT CANARIES WAS SUBJECT OF LIBERATION COMMITTEE REPORT WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT OAU MINISTERS AND SUMMIT MEETINGS. HE SAID GOK CONSIDERED THIS DESIRABLE, SINCE THE MATTER WAS AN ISSUE WITH CERTAIN OAU COUNTRIES, AND ALL MEMBER STATES SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR REPORT AND DISCUSS MATTER FREELY.
3. NG'ANG'A SAID HIS GOVERNMENT UNDERSTOOD THAT SPANISH EMISSARIES WERE AT PRESENT TRAVELLING AROUND AFRICA PRESENTING SPAIN'S CASE TO VARIOUS AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. KENYA THOUGHT THIS WAS ENTIRELY PROPER ACTIVITY, WHICH WOULD ENABLE OAU GOVERNMENTS TO GO TO KHARTOUM MEETINGS WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF SPANISH POSITION.

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4. NG'ANG'A SAID HE WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT USG, WHICH NOTED FOR ITS OPEN APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, WOULD FAVOR SUPPRESSING DEBATE ON THIS ONE.
5. COMMENT: CANARY ISLANDS DO NOT CONSTITUTE BURNING ISSUE IN KENYA, BUT WE WOULD HAZARD GUESS THAT IF MAJORITY OF OAU

STATES ADOPT ANTI-SPANISH RESOLUTION KENYA WILL GO ALONG.  
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